



SahuarO

Weekly Update



"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

April 2, 2010



Boards and Commissions. The Glendale City Council has appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions.

Congratulations and many thanks to SahuarO District residents Chris Flippen (chair), Community Development Advisory Committee and Gary Sherwood, Planning Commission for volunteering to serve!

Glendale's boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

To request an application to serve on a city advisory group, call the Council Office at (623) 930-2249 or [click here](#) for more information.

Summer Arts Camp Loads of Fun for Youths. Ten workshops. Five artists. Four weeks!

The City of Glendale Summer Arts Camp 2009 will offer an assortment of workshops for youths, ages 6-17. Classes will run from June 28-July 22. Children and teens can explore percussion music, create art with found objects, discover creative writing, make art inspired by other cultures and learn how to create the coolest text message ever sent. The workshops, sponsored by the Glendale Library and Arts Department, will take place in the Fruit Packing Shed at SahuarO Ranch, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

[Click here](#) for a list of workshop times and dates. To register online, go to www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation and click on "Classes and Programs." There is a \$20 non-refundable fee per workshop and student. For more information, call (623) 930-3557.

Keeping Neighborhoods Safe and Clean. Recent rains have left many residential and commercial property owners with the challenge and chore of getting rid of weeds and overgrown grass. Not only do overgrown weeds and grass pose a fire risk, they can be code violations and cause blight in our neighborhoods.

The Glendale Code Compliance Department is encouraging residents to take steps now to control weeds and grass before they become a problem.

To help residents and business owners win the battle against weeds, Code Compliance officials are providing the following helpful hints:

- Keep grass and weeds cut and trimmed in your yard and adjacent right-of-way so they do not exceed six (6) inches in height
- Dig out already emerged weeds early before they get out of control
- Use herbicide (commercial grade or homemade non-toxic versions) on large weed areas, but be sure to keep it away from other vegetation
- Apply pre-emergent weed killers twice a year (fall and late winter before major rains is best)
- Stay on top of it! A little weeding twice a week will help you avoid a big job down the road
- Learn more lawn maintenance and care by checking out materials from the Glendale Public Library

Uncut weeds can attract insects such as mosquitoes, while dead and dry weeds can present potential fire hazards. Residents can help keep our neighborhoods safe and clean by maintaining their properties and reporting overgrown weeds or grass in their neighborhoods. Potential violations and requests for additional information about City of Glendale property maintenance standards can be directed to www.glendaleaz.com/codecompliance or (623) 930-3610.

Construction Information

83rd Avenue/ Beardsley Road

Beginning Monday, the intersection of 83rd Avenue and Beardsley Road will be under construction for approximately one month for roadway improvements related to the pavement rehabilitation project. Drivers should expect delays at this location from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

- Monday (April 5) through early May
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily

ADOT appreciates your patience while we complete this project to improve travel in the Northwest Valley. [Read more.](#)

Northern Avenue Closure

A full closure of Northern Avenue between 58th Avenue & 57th Drive will begin on Friday, April 9th. The closure is necessary to install the 48" storm drain from the south to the north side of Northern. This perpendicular crossing is necessary to avoid the numerous Northern Avenue utilities.

- Northern Avenue between 58th Avenue & 57th Drive
- 3 a.m., Friday, April 9th – 4 a.m., Monday, April 12th

bargains and treasures ranging from Dr. Seuss to Aristotle. The final hour becomes a shopper's dream, with \$1.00 bags. The library supplies the bag, and bargain hunters can fill them with whatever is left. For more information, call (623) 930-3849.

Live at the Library. Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., has a special free event planned for Live at the Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 15. The Bad Cactus Brass Band will be performing in the auditorium. The group is a New Orleans Second Line street jazz band based in Phoenix. For more information, call Ivy at (623) 930-3573.

Recession Response Classes Continue. If you are still on the job hunt, go to www.glendaleaz.com/library and click on "recession response." There you can check out the free computer classes the Glendale Public Library is offering. A variety of classes are available through July. For more information, call (623) 930-3555.

Glendale Welcomes DeVry University. Students will soon have a new opportunity in Glendale; DeVry University has chosen Westgate City Center as its fourth Arizona location, occupying approximately 18,000 square feet, bringing dozens of new professional jobs to the city.

In a unique business strategy created among the city, DeVry and Westgate, the school will be located in office/retail space on the first and third floors of Westgate's Building E, which is along Sunset Boulevard. Instructional rooms will occupy approximately 16,000 square feet, with another 2,000 dedicated to office space. They also anticipate strong demand, noting that the new location's capacity can serve approximately 500 students. DeVry University plans to begin classes at the new Glendale center later this summer.

Sales Tax Amnesty Reminder. All licensed and non-licensed businesses and landlords subject to city of Glendale sales tax are eligible to participate in the City Sales Tax Amnesty Program. Taxpayers choosing to participate in the program will have all penalties, prior delinquent license fees, interest, and related building permit penalties waived as long as all delinquent sales tax liabilities are paid to the city **no later than April 30, 2010.** [Click here](#) for more information.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Eggventure in Historic Downtown Glendale & Catlin Court. The City of Glendale Parks and Recreation Department, Glendale Office of Tourism and Historic Downtown business community proudly present EGGVENTURE in Historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, April 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Enjoy a nostalgic hometown atmosphere as you search for over 20,000 candy-filled eggs, left by Mr. and Mrs. Bunny along tree-lined sidewalks. Some participants will offer unique activities and crafts for a nominal fee. [Click here](#) to see the event flyer with egg hunt times.

Glendale Police Department Spring Safety Fair. The Glendale Police Department's Gateway Division Community Action Team has scheduled a community crime forum to be held in the parking lot of Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Ave., on Saturday, April 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cabela's will assist the Glendale Police Department in hosting the safety fair which will also include the Glendale Fire Department and the American Red Cross. [Read more.](#)

Spring Book Sale at Foothills Branch Library. Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., is gearing up for its semi-annual book sale, which will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 10. The Spring Book Sale will be held in the meeting rooms and has something for everyone.

Expect to find fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, and even videos, recorded books and CDs, depending on donations from the community. The tables are jam-packed with

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